

“AUX” BETWEEN LINES

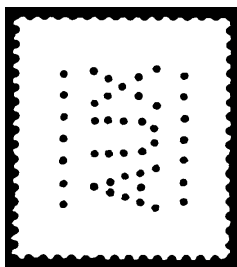
Roy Gault

A query from **Michael Millar** regarding one of the “AUX between Lines” patterns set the wheels in motion for a re-appraisal of the five known dies, and gave me this opportunity to correct a few errors in Tomkins, most noticeably the company name!

The ‘**Army & Navy Auxiliary Supply Co**’ was formed in 1880 specifically to supply fresh provisions, boots, furniture, and estate agency services to members. To become a member there had to be some connection with the Army or Navy. The company took on ‘Limited’ liability on 15th Nov 1886, but went into Voluntary Liquidation on 16th June 1919 prior to merging with the ‘Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd’.

All five dies are listed here in catalogue order for convenience, along with all known stamp details etc. ***If anyone can add anything further, I would be pleased to hear from you. The more detail you report, the more accurate the listings become.***

1905-1910



A5580.01

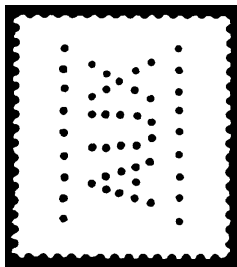
Dates: 29 Mar 1905 - 12 Mar 1907.

Issues: F ½d (ye-gn), 1d-2d, 3d, 4d (gr/br), 5d, 6d

Note: **7 holes** in each line. Perfin also known upright.

Pmks: London SW.

1895-1905



A5580.02

Dates: 29 Apr 1898 - 7 May 1903.

Issues: B 1d (16 dots)

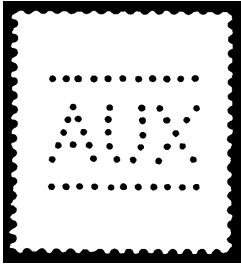
E ½d (both), 1½d-4½d, 6d

F ½d (bl-gn), 1d-3d, 4d (gr/br), 5d, 6d

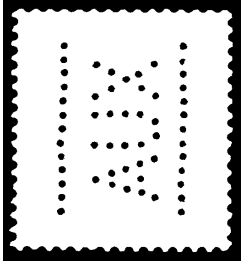
Note: **9 holes** in each line. Perfin also known upright.

Pmks: London SW.

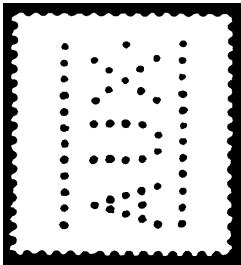
The following die, A5580.03, is known to have been multiheaded from a block of six (2x3). The die was 2 deep by at least 2 across.

1905-1919	
	Dates: ... 1906 - 31 May 1917.
	Issues: F ½d (ye-gn), 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d (both), 5d, 6d H ½d, 1d I(RC) 1d, 3d-6d
	Note: 11 holes in each line. Perfin also known s/w.
	Pmks: London SW.
	A5580.03M

Minor differences noted in the line of holes in A5580.04, also point to a multiheaded die. At least three different patterns can be recognised.

1884-1905	
	Dates: 30 Dec 1884 - 4 Sep 1901.
	Issues: B 1d (16 dots) E ½d (both), 1½d-4½d, 6d F 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d (gr/br)
	Note: 13 holes in each line. Perfin also known upright.
	Pmks: London SW.
	A5580.04M

The preceding four dies are relatively common, although not always easy to come by with complete, clear strikes. On the other hand, this last die is somewhat scarce and known only on the 16 dot 1d Lilac.

c1890	
	Dates:
	Issues: B 1d (16 dots)
	Note: 12 holes in each line, and stop after "X".
	Pmks:
A5585.01	

Does anyone have a confirming cover with this comparatively rare die, or perhaps can report any dates, postmarks, or other issues?